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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN HIRING U.S. AGRI-
CULTURAL TECHNICIANS.

1. VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OROPEZA HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING QUALIFIED U.S. PERSONNEL TO WORK IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN VENEZUELA. TECHNICIANS WOULD BE HIRED BY MINISTRY ON A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT.
2. MINISTRY IS INTERESTED IN TWO (2) PEOPLE TO WORK IN GRAINS (CORN, GRAIN SORGHUM, AND TO A LESSER EXTENT, RICE) AND ONE (1) PERSON TO WORK ON OILSEEDS (SESAME, PEANUTS, CASTOR AND SOYBEAN). MINISTRY WISHES TO OBTAIN PERSONNEL WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE OF PRODUCTION OF THESE COMMODITIES AND UTILIZE THEM IN EXTENSION-TYPE WORK. (PERSONNEL WOULD THEREFORE PROBABLY SPEND CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME OUTSIDE OF CARACAS). CONTRACTEES SHOULD HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED ON THESE COMMODITIES AND BE ABLE TO APPLY SAME TO LOCAL SITUATION. MINISTER ALSO REQUIRES A FLUENCY IN SPANISH.
3. MINISTRY WISHES TO CONTRACT SERVICES OF PERSONNEL FOR TWO YEAR PERIOD. POSSIBLE THAT BASED ON RESULTS OF INITIAL CONTRACTS, MINISTRY MAY BE INTERESTED IN OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES.
4. EMBASSY AGREED TO PASS MINISTER'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON, AND RECOMMENDS THAT AID AND OTHER WASHINGTON AGENCIES UNDERTAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO LOCATE QUALIFIED

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PERSONNEL. NAMES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE CANDIDATES

SHOULD BE FURNISHED TO US, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MINISTER OROPEZA,
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. IN NO WAY, HOWEVER, SHOULD THIS MESSAGE BE INTERPRETED
AS A REQUEST FOR AN AID IN-COUNTRY PROGRAM. PERSONNEL WILL
BE UNDER CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT OF VENZUELA, AND AS
SUCH WILL HAVE NOT DIRECT AFFILIATION WITH THIS EMBASSY.
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